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I. PSESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Congregations.*	*Post Offices.*
10 James Skinner	John W. Robson	English Settlem'nt	Birr.
" "	11 James Fraser	Bethel	
A. W. Waddell	James Laird	Harwich	Ridgetown.
11 William Inglis	10 Andrew Dodds	Westminster	London.
11 J. J. A. Proudfoot, *Clk*	6 Alexander Smith	London	London.
11 William Caven	Robert Flaws	St. Mary's	St. Mary's, Blanc'd
10 William Walker		Chatham	Chatham.
William Deas		Adelaide	Wisbeach.
" "		Warwick	
11 John Fotheringham	William Edmond	Hibbert	Kirkton.
11 Robert Hamilton	10 John Caven	Fullarton	Avonbank.
" "	James Muir	Downie	
11 Stephen Balmer	Thomas Cavel	Detroit	Detroit, Mich.
10 William Fletcher	John Bell	Carlisle	Falkirk.
11 Robert Hall		Nissouri	St. Mary's,
" "		Fish Creek	Blanchard.
	John Bain	Woodstock	Woodstock.
	Alexander Bartlet	Windsor	Windsor.
	10 William Webster	Florence	Florence.
		Delaware	
		Lambeth	
		Grant County, Wis.	

II. PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

11 Thomas Christie	10 Stephen Nisbet	Flamboro' West	Flamboro' West.
11 Andrew Ferrier, D.D.	5 James Murray	Caledonia	Seneca.
" "	9 David McClung	Indiana	
" "	Edward Rutherford	Oneida	
2 Alexander Ritchie	6 William Richmond	West Dumfries	Ayr.
10 John Porteous, *Clerk.*	6 John Malcolm	Beverly	Kirkwall.
11 William M. Christie	6 Robert Aberdein, M.D.	Chippawa	Chippawa.
" "	Alexander Reid	Crowland	
11 Wm. Ormiston, M. A.	10 Rev. S. Greig	Hamilton	Hamilton.
10 William Dickson	10 James McCabe	Thorold	Thorold.
" "		Drummondville	
9 John Lees	1 John Myers	Ancaster Village	Ancaster.
" "	George Gould	Ancaster East	
" "	5 Alexander Burnside	Ancaster West	
11 Robert Hume, M. A.	10 Robert Christie	St. George	St. George.
	1 Walter Chisholm	Dundas	Dundas.

III. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Congregations.*	*Post Offices.*
9 John Taylor, D.D., M.D.	Alexander Gemmell	2nd Toronto	Toronto.
10 Alexander Kennedy	11 John Parker	Dunb'ton & Canton	Dunbarton.
11 William Fraser	10 Charles Wilson	West Gwillimbury	Bond Head.
" "	10 Thomas Saunders	Essa	Clover Hill.
10 David Coutts	10 Robert Marshall	1st Chinguacousy	Mayfield.
" "	John Beatty	2nd Chinguacousy	
10 John Jennings, D.D.	4 John Henry	1st Toronto	Toronto.
8 Peter Glassford	Andrew Riddell	Vaughan	Coleraine.
" "	John Dalziell	Albion	
11 James Dick, *Clerk*	10 John Hamilton	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill.
" "	Henry Stewart	King	
11 John Baird, M. A.	11 David Gilchrist	Erskine Ch. Pic'ng	Claremont.
" "	William Young	Claremont	
11 J. F. A. S. Fayette, M.A	11 James Agnew	1st Tecumseth	Tottenham.
" "	Samson Steel	2nd Tecumseth	
9 James Pringle	10 James Haggart	Brampt. & Tor. Tp.	Brampton.
Alexander McFaul	Samuel Johnson	Caledon	Caledon.
" "	Thos. R. Buckham	Orangeville	
	James Marsh	Laskey	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

11 W. Taylor, D.D., *Clk.*	9 George Roger	Montreal	Montreal.
8 John Morrison	Alexander Murray	Madrid	Waddington, N.Y.
11 James Watson	William White	Huntingdon	Huntingdon, C. E.
John Mackie	John McOuat	Lachute	Lachute.
	John Murray	New Glasgow	New Glasgow.
		Mille Isles	

V. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

11 James McIntosh		Amherst Island	Amherst Island.
11 R.H.Thornton, D.D. *Clk*	5 John Agnew	Whitby	Oshawa.
7 John Cassie	2 John Wallace	Port Hope	Port Hope.
11 George Lawrence	3 George Wylie	Clarke	Orono.
11 Wm. Aitken	George Foster	Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
10 Robert Monteath	7 John McGill	Prince Albert	Prince Albert.
7 John Ewing	5 William Hunter	Emily	Mount Pleasant.
7 James R. Scott		Perrytown	Perrytown.
11 John Scott		Napanee	Napanee.
11 John M. King	John Calder	Columbus	Columbus.
George Riddell	Robert Huggart	Newton & N'castle	Clarke.
		Pakenham	Pakenham.
		Arnprior	Arnprior.
		Fitzroy Harbor	Fitzroy Harbor.
		Torbolton	
		Bobcaygeon	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

6 John Duff	6 Thomas Grey	Elora	Elora.
" "	5 John Gale	Alma	
9 William Barrie	5 John Armstrong	Eramosa	Guelph.
10 Robert Torrance, *Clk.*	10 John Lennie	Guelph	Guelph.
11 John James	9 Alex. McNaughten	Galt	Galt.
	5 John Stewart	Esquesing	Stewarton.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

Ministers.	*Elders*	*Congregations.*	*Post Offices.*
Joseph Young	10 Adam Kerr	Brantford	Brantford.
11 David Caw	10 John Sinclair	Paris	Paris.
11 A. A. Drummond	4 Robert Kennedy	Mornington	West's Corners.
" "	Peter Stewart	North Easthope	
7 Archibald Cross		Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
8 John Dunbar, *Clerk*	8 James Smith	Glen Morris	Glen Morris.
11 Wm. Robertson	10 John Fairbairn	Blandford	Chesterfield.
9 William Peattie	6 George Bryce	Mount Pleasant	Mohawk.
	Andrew Gouinlock	Stratford	Stratford.
	William Murray	Shakspeare	Shakspeare.
		Tilsonburg	Dereham.
	John Alison	Culloden	
	7 John McKee	Norwichville	Norwichville.
		Windham	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

11 Thomas Stevenson	10 Thomas Lunn	Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
10 Walter Inglis	William Miller	Kincardine	Kincardine.
" "	John Moffat	McKinney's Corn	
Robert Dewar, *Clk*	Walter Hope	Lake Shore	Leith.
Robert C. Moffat	Robert Gouinlock	Walkerton	Walkerton.
" "	John Gerrie	North Brant	Walkerton.
" "	Robert Kane	West Bentinck	
	Robert Young	Southampton	Southampton.
	James Rowand	Dunblane	Southampton.
	Malcolm McNeil	West Brant	Dunkeld.
	James Milligan	Normanby	Bentinck.
	George Cromar	Riversdale	Riversdale.
	William Pringle	Culross	Teeswater.
	Ebenezer Clarke	Meaford	Meaford.
	David Black	Euphrasia	Euphrasia.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

11 John Logie, *Clerk*	10 George Thomson	Warrensville	Rodgerville.
" "	John Allison	Thames Road	
10 Matthew Barr	Wm. Habkirk	McKillop	Harpurhey.
James Duncan	James Pollok	Bayfield	Bayfield.
11 John Fraser	John Stewart	Goderich	Goderich.
Wm C. Young	Thomas Taylor	Turnberry	Morrisbank.
" "		Grey	
" "		Howick	
		Brucefield	

OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF SYNOD, JUNE, 1860.

THE REV. ALEXANDER A. DRUMMOND, *West's Corners*, MODERATOR.
THE REV. WILLIAM FRASER, *Bond Head*, CLERK.
THE REV. JOHN TAYLOR, D.D., M.D., *Toronto*, PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY.
THE REV. THOMAS CHRISTIE, *West Flamboro'*, TREA. HOME SYNOD'S GRANT.
ROBERT CHRISTIE, ESQ., *Rosebank*, TREASURER OF SYNOD.

STATED COLLECTIONS ORDERED BY THE SYNOD.

1. MISSION FUND—Missionary Society ordered.
2. SYNOD FUND—Collection to be made in April.
3. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND—Collection to be made in October.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-fourth Session of the Synod

OF THE

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

I. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Tuesday, June* 12, 1860.
7½ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. William Ormiston, M.A. from Ephesians iii. 8, was constituted.

The roll of Synod, compiled from the rolls furnished by Presbytery Clerks, was called and marked. **Roll called.**

The Reports of Presbyteries stated the following changes, affecting the roll of Synod, and the list of Probationers, as having occurred since last meeting, namely:

That there had been four ordinations,—

Thomas J. Scott, Dundas, in the Flamborough Presbytery, August 16, 1859; William Peattie, Mount Pleasant, Brant Presbytery, January 24, 1860; Robert Hall, Nissouri and Fish Creek, London Presbytery, April 17, 1860; Robert Hume, St. George, Flamborough Presbytery, May 22, 1860: **Ordinations**

That there had been two translations,—

The Rev. Stephen Balmer, loosed from the congregation of Woodstock, in the Presbytery of London, October 25, 1859, and inducted into the congregation of Detroit, in the same Presbytery, November 16, 1859; **Translations.**

The Rev. Thomas Stevenson, loosed from the congregations of Stratford and Shakspeare, in the Presbytery of Brant, April 3, 1860, and inducted into the congregation of Owen Sound, in the Presbytery of Grey, May 15, 1860:

Demissions.

That two Ministers had regularly demitted their charges, and that the pastoral relation with their congregations had been dissolved,—

Robert Rodgers, Tilsonbury and Culloden, in the Presbytery of Brant, November 22, 1859; James Gibson, Owen Sound, in the Presbytery of Grey, November 30, 1859:

Cut off from Communion.

That the Rev. Thomas J. Scott had, by the Presbytery of Flamborough, been cut off from communion with the Church, on the 8th of November 1859, because he had left his charge, and the country, some three weeks before:

Congregations erected.

That seven new congregations had been organized,—

West Bentinck,	in the Presbytery of Grey,	May 4, 1859.	
Lambeth,	"	London,	Oct. 25, 1859.
Alma,	"	Wellington,	Jan. 18, 1860.
Delaware,	"	London,	Feb. 8, "
Dunblane,	"	Grey,	Mar. 8, "
Mille Isles,	"	Canada E.	May 16, "
Bobcaygeon,	"	Durham,	:

Congregations dropped from list.

That the congregation of Manilla, in the Presbytery of Durham had been dropped from the list:

Mr. Todd dismissed.

That Mr. Danied Todd, Probationer, had, by the Presbytery of London, been dismissed, at his own request, with certificate of good standing, September 27, 1859.

Moderator chosen.

Proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when it was moved by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Cross, that the Rev. Alexander A. Drummond, of Mornington, be chosen Moderator. The Rev. George Lawrence, of Clarke, was nominated by Mr. Duff. Mr. Lawrence declined the nomination, and thereupon Mr. Drummond was unanimously elected, and having taken the Chair, addressed the Synod.

Unfinished business and reports.

The Clerk laid on the table a list of the business left unfinished at last Synod, as also of Reports required to be given in by Presbyteries and Committees.

Audit Committee.

The Rev. Messrs. James and Pringle were appointed a Commitee to examine the accounts of the Synod's Treasurer.

Presbytery Minutes, Committees to examine.

The following Committees were then appointed to examine the Records of the several Presbyteries, namely: of

London	Rev. Messrs.		Caw and Cross.
Flamboro'	"	"	Torrance and Duff.
Toronto	"	"	Fotheringham and Porteous.
Canada East	"	"	Dunbar and Skinner.
Durham	"	"	Wm. M. Christie and Ormiston.
Wellington	"	"	Dr. Ferrier and Mr. Baird.
Brant	"	"	Dick and Coutts.
Grey	"	"	Dr. Thornton and Mr. Lees.
Huron	"	"	Professor Taylor and Mr. Fayette.

Devotions to conduct.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier and the Rev. Mr. Stevenson were then appointed to conduct the customary devotional exercises of the Synod, to-morrow morning.

Adjourned, to meet at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Wednesday, June* 13, 1860,
9 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Ferrier and Mr. Stevenson.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

Union Committee retire.

The Committee on Union, at the request of their Convener, obtained leave to retire for a little time, and thereupon withdrew.

Bills and Overtures, report of Committee.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Report in the following terms, that is to say:

The Committee of Bills and Overtures respectfully report the following business and papers, and recommend that they be taken up in the order hereinafter stated:

1. The Report of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.
2. The Reports of Presbyteries on superintendence of Students.
3. Report of Committee on Tri-centenary of Scottish Reformation.
4. Overtures:—(1.) From the Durham Presbytery on fixing the time during which Probationers may retain their position on the roll. (2.) From the Rev. Professor Taylor and the Rev. James Pringle on the same.
5. Report of the Committee for the Distribution of Probationers.
6. " " for the Reception of Ministers and Probationers.
7. " " on Independence of the Church and Funds.
8. " " on Theological Education.
9. Reference from the Presbytery of Toronto in the case of Mr. Irving, Student.
10. Petition of certain Theological Students.
11. Petition of Mr. James Milligan, Student.
12. Report of Committee on Missions and Statistics.
13. Overture from London Presbytery on Standing Committees.
14. Reference from the Durham Presbytery on employing certain Agents in Mission fields.
15. Report of the Committee on Proudfoot Testimonial.
16. " " on correspondence with the United Presbyterian Church of North America.
17. Report of the Committee on letter from the Chief Superintendent of Education.
18. Overture, on employing a Church Agent; transmitted by Durham Presbytery.

(Signed,) JAMES DICK, C.C.

Report received and order sanctioned.

On motion it was agreed to receive the Report and to sanction the order of business therein recommended.

Union question deferred.

The first subject in order being the Report of the Union Committee, and that Committee being absent by leave of Synod, it was agreed to pass on to the next thing on the list, namely: the inspection of the Students of Divinity by Presbyteries: Reports were received from the several Presbyteries and to the purport following:—

Inspection of Students.

London Presbytery.

The London Presbytery reported that they had had under their care five Students.—Messrs. Waters and Hanran, and Mr. Hay, received on certificate of the Presbytery of Falkirk, Scotland, as a Student of the fourth year, together with Messrs. Murdoch and Malcolm; that the three first named had received trials for license, which had been partially given in by Mr. Waters, but not by the other two; that Mr. Murdoch had performed, in a satisfactory manner, all the exercises prescribed to him, and that Mr. Malcolm had not appeared at the Presbytery at all, because, as he notified the Presbytery, he could not attend the last Session of the Hall.

Toronto Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that, during the past year they had had four Students of Divinity under their inspection, namely: William Richardson, of the second year, James Milligan and Peter Goodfellow, of the third year, and George Irving, of the fourth year; that these Students had been twice before the Presbytery and had delivered their several discourses and exercises; that they had been examined on all the subjects prescribed to them, and had acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Brant Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Brant reported that during a part of the past year they had had under their inspection Joseph White, a Student of the third year, who performed all the exercises assigned him to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Durham Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Durham reported that they had had one Student, namely: A. McNaughton, under their care, and that

he had performed the exercises assigned him to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Tricentenary report deferred.

Agreed to pass, in the meantime, item No. 3, in the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, namely: Report on the Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation.

Probationers, limitation of term retained on list.

Read and received an Overture from Professor Taylor and Mr. Pringle, transmitted by the Presbytery of Toronto, requesting the Synod to take into consideration the propriety of fixing the period during which those placed on the roll of Probationers may retain that position. Also, read and received an Overture from the Presbytery of Durham of a similar purport, and asking the Synod to make such regulations as may be deemed right in the premises.

Regulations proposed by Professor Taylor.

With a view to the disposal of these Overtures the subjoined Paper was submitted by Professor Taylor:

Regarding the period of Probation it is recommended that the Synod shall enact:—

1. That the period for which the name of a Probationer shall be placed on the roll shall not exceed *three* years; and that if he has previously held a pastoral charge in this Church, the period shall not exceed *two* years; but if he find it necessary, on account of personal or relative affliction, to abstain, for a time, from receiving appointments, that time shall not be held part of his period.

2. That with respect to those whose names are at present on the roll, the time they have been there shall be reckoned just half of what it has actually been; and that no name shall be dropt from the roll till after one year from this date.

3. That Probationers whose names have been dropt from the roll, if they continue in good standing as members of the Church, may receive appointments from any Presbytery, but such appointments shall not be to the prejudice of Probationers whose names are on the roll, and no remuneration shall be secured to them beyond what the supplied congregation may give: also, that such Probationers may be called to the pastoral office by any vacant congregation, but no Minister moderating in a call shall place the name of any of them on

the list of candidates without a certificate being presented from the Session of the Congregation with which he is connected, bearing that he is a member of the Church, of irreproachable character, which certificate, in the event of his being called, shall be laid before the Presbytery, along with the Call, to be judged of by them.

Motions on.

It was moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Duff, that the foregoing Regulations be adopted by this Synod, as limiting for the future the services of Probationers.

It was moved by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Coutts, that the Regulations be read and submitted to the Synod, *seriatim*. The amendment was carried by a majority, and the Synod proceeded to consider the Regulations in terms thereof:

1st Regulation adopted.

The first Regulation having been read, it was moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Duff, that it be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Cross, that the term of probation mentioned in the said Regulation be extended, in the first case, to *five* years, and in the other, to *three* years. It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Caven, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the terms be respectively, *four* years and *two* years

A vote was taken between the last and the first amendments, when the first amendment was lost. A vote was then taken between the last amendment and the original motion, when the motion was carried, and the Synod adopted the first Regulation without amendment.

2nd Regulation adopted.

The second Regulation being read, was, on motion of Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Duff, agreed to.

3rd Regulation adopted.

The third Regulation was read, and, on motion was adopted.

Distribution Committee report.

The Report of the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers was given in by Mr. Dick, the Convener, in the terms following:

The Committee for the Distribution of Probationers respectfully report, that from July to September, 1859, there were ten Probationers on the list, whose services were distributed among the several

Presbyteries as nearly as possible in proportion to the number of vacancies returned. Your Committee in appointing Preachers, send them in rotation to the several Presbyteries, as far as this can be effected; but sometimes Congregations and Presbyteries claim the services of certain Preachers for location, which prevents those thus located from going the usual round of the Presbyteries, and causes your Committee to send other Preachers to certain Presbyteries, before their proper time according to the usual rotation. There have been several complaints made against certain Preachers being sent, because others who ought to have been sent were located.

At the end of the first three months appointment, Mr. Daniel Todd withdrew his name from the list of Probationers.

There have been nine Probationers on the list from October, 1859, to the present time. The Rev. William Peattie withdrew his name, having accepted a Call from Mount Pleasant Congregation, and the Rev. Geo. Murray had his name put on, and appointments assigned him, in virtue of the action of Synod at its last meeting. Your Committee have also to report that the name of the Rev. George Kennedy was put on the list of Probationers, at the beginning of the current quarter, in virtue of a certificate from the Secretary of the Mission Board in Scotland, and which your Committee regarded as sufficient warrant to them to do so, meeting the requirement of the law of Synod, respecting the reception of Ministers and Probationers. (See Minutes, p. 330, paragraph No. 3.)

The Rev. Mr. Hall had his name placed on the list from the 3rd Sabbath of October to the 4th Sabbath of December, 1859, when he withdrew it, in order to be permanently settled in Nissouri. Also, Mr. Hume withdrew his name at the end of March last, having accepted a Call from St. George's Congregation.

The following Probationers have been located for several months during the past year; Mr. Hume in the Congregation of Esquesing, Wellington Presbytery, for five months; Mr. Howie in the Congregation of Windsor, for three months; the Rev. Walter Scott in the Congregation of Grant County, Wisconsin; the Rev. Wm. Clarke in the Congregation of Bobcaygeon, in the Presbytery of Durham; the Rev. George Kennedy in the Congregation of Delaware and Lambeth, London Presbytery, during the last three months.

Report received.

The Report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Committee for their diligence.

Distribution Committee re-appointed.

The Distribution Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Dick and Ormiston and Dr. Jennings was then re-appointed. Mr. Dick to be Convener.

Ministers' reception Committee.

Called for the Report of the Committee for the Reception of Ministers and Probationers. Professor Taylor, the Convener, stated verbally, that no Ministers or Probationers had been received, and that no reference had been made to them for such purpose.

Tricentenary of Scottish Reformation—Report of Committee.

Called for the Report of the Committee on the celebration of the Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation The Report was read by the Convener, the Rev. Mr. Ormiston, to the purport following:—

Report of the Committee on the Tri-centenary celebration of the Reformation in Scotland.

The Synod at its last meeting, resolved to spend the evening of Wednesday, at its next regular meeting, in devotional exercises, accompanied by appropriate addresses, "on the subject of the Re-" formation, and appointed a Committee to make arrangements for " this meeting, and also to co-operate with Committees appointed by " other Churches."

The arrangements which the Committee have made for the meeting referred to are the following:—

1. Prayer by the Moderator, followed by reading the Scriptures and praise.

2. Addresses by the Rev. Andrew Ferrier, D.D., on "The state of Scotland, civil and religious, previous to the Reformation, with the causes which led immediately to that event;" and by Rev. John Taylor, D.D., on "The Reformation itself and what it accomplished."

3. Prayer by the Rev. R. H. Thornton, D.D., succeeded by praise.

4. Addresses by the Rev. Robert Monteath, on "The leading doctrinal principles of the Reformation in Scotland;" and by the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot, on "The principal Characters who figured in the Scottish Reformation."

5. Prayer by the Rev. James Skinner, succeeded by praise.

6. Address by the Rev. William Taylor, D.D., on "The present position and prospects of Protestantism and Popery, respectively, in Canada."

7. Prayer by the Rev. Alexander Kennedy.

8. Doxology and Benediction.

It was thought expedient, in view of the number of topics suggested, none of which could well be left out, to restrict the Addresses to thirty minutes each, and to suggest that the exercises between the Addresses be very brief, so that the whole proceedings would occupy very little more than three hours.

The Committee also took into consideration the propriety and desirableness of a united celebration by all Evangelical Protestants in the country, or by all the branches of the Presbyterian Church in the British Provinces. They found, however, in consulting with members of Committees appointed by other Churches, that there were some difficulties in the way of ecclesiastical co-operation, in celebrating the event. A united meeting of the Committees of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the *Church of Scotland*; —of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada was called;—at which it was agreed to suggest to each of the respective Synods, that they recommend all Ministers under their jurisdiction, to preach on the subject, on Sabbath, next preceding the 20th December next.

In conclusion, your Committee would express the hope that some united and general celebration of the Reformation may still be held in Canada, as it would in their opinion tend to promote the interests of true Evangelical religion in this land, and bring into special and merited prominence those doctrines which lie at the foundation of civil and religious liberty.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) W. ORMISTON, *Convener.*

Report received and adopted.

The Report, on motion, was received and adopted, and the cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Committee for the great diligence which they have exercised in this business.

Committee re-appointed.

On motion the Committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas Christie, the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, and the Rev. William Ormiston, was re-appointed. Mr. Ormiston, convener.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Church Independence and Funds. The Convener of the Committee was not in the house, and the Synod proceeded to the next order of the day.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

III. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Wednesday, June* 13, 1860.
2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Reception of ministers. Committee re-appointed.

The Committee on the Reception of Ministers and Preachers, was then re-appointed, consisting of the Rev. Professor Taylor, the Rev. Messrs. Ormiston, Kennedy and Dick; with the addition of Dr. Thornton and Mr. Baird:—Four members of said Committee to be a quorum for the transaction of business. Professor Taylor to be Convener.

Independence of Church and Funds report.

The Report on the pecuniary independence of the Church, and on Funds, was read by Rev. Wm. Inglis, appointed Convener by the Com. instead of the Rev. Mr. Gibson, deceased. The Report was received, and it was agreed to enter into the consideration of the suggestions contained therein, *seriatim.*

Accounts to close on 31st December.

Took up the first suggestion recommending that the Treasurer's accounts be closed on the 31st December of each year, and not in June, as has hitherto been the practice, and that Auditors be appointed at this meeting to examine the accounts of the Treasurer from this date to the close of 1860; and that thereafter

Auditors be, at each meeting of Synod, appointed for the current year, to report to the subsequent meeting.

Deliverance on.

It was agreed to declare that it is already the law of Synod that the accounts should be closed on the 31st December, and that it is sufficient on this point to refer to the action of Synod in 1858, as recorded in the Minutes for that year, page 276.

Auditors—appointment of.

Took up the second part of the suggestion, having reference to the appointment of Auditors. It was agreed to adopt the suggestion, as the Synod did and do adopt the same. In terms of the suggestion the Rev. Messrs. James and Porteous were then appointed Auditors, to examine the accounts, from this date to the end of the current year, and to report to next meeting of Synod.

Messrs. James and Porteous, Auditors.

Accounts tabular to be published.

Decision on.

Took up the next suggestion recommending that a tabular statement of Synodical income and disbursements be published in the *Magazine* as soon after the close of the year as may be practicable. The Synod regard it as sufficient, on this point, to request the attention of the Treasurer to the recommendation formerly given respecting the publication of the accounts.

Missionary Funds—suggestion and deliverance.

On the next suggestion, namely, the desirableness that the law of Synod in reference to the existence of a regular plan for raising missionary funds, in all supplemented congregations, be strictly enforced,—the Synod agreed that it was sufficient to direct the attention of Presbyteries to the existing law on the subject.

Supplement—how to regulate.

The fourth suggestion recommended that a maximum of supplement should be fixed upon, beyond which no Congregation should receive aid from the Mission Fund; that a minimum of stipend should also be fixed, without coming up to which no Congregation should have a moderation granted; that in all cases (except in very special ones indeed) the Minister's certificate that he has received the congregational minimum, should be necessary to the Synodical supplement being recommended by a Presbytery or paid by the Mission Committee; and that the maximum of supplement in these cases, be £40, and the minimum of stipend, £75.

It was moved and seconded that this suggestion be adopted.

Motion.

It was moved in amendment, by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Torrance,—That the Synod, while approving generally of this suggestion, resolve to leave the questions which it involves, in the meantime, to the discretion of Presbyteries and the Mission Committee. On a vote being taken the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof.

Decision.

Presbyteries, to diminish number of.

The Report of the Committee further suggested the expediency of diminishing the number of the Presbyteries into which this Synod is distributed, so that each Presbytery may have a greater number of members, and that thus Synodical arrangements may me more efficiently carried out.

Decision.

The Synod resolved that no action be taken on this suggestion in the meantime.

Preachers, payments to.

The last suggestion was to the effect that some law should be made applicable to the payment of Preachers by regular vacant Congregations, and that in all regularly congregated places £4 be the minimum payment for each day's supply.

No change.

On this suggestion, the Synod agreed to abide by its former law on the subject of the payment of Preachers.

Report as amended adopted.

The Report as a whole, was adopted as amended.

The thanks of the Synod were then given to the Committee on Church Independence and Funds, for their great diligence in the matters intrusted to them

Rev. J. Gibson.

Com. to frame minute.

A Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Barrie and Stevenson was appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the sense entertained by this Synod of the services rendered to the Church, and especially as Convener of the Church Independence Committee, by the late Rev. James Gibson, formerly of Owen Sound.

Theological Education, report of committee.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Theological Education. The Report was read by Professor Taylor, the Convener.

Received, and thanks to committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the thanks of Synod were tendered to the Committee for their diligence.

R. White, Esq.—Hengh, Esq.—thanks to.

On motion of Mr. Monteath, seconded by Dr. Thornton, it was resolved,—That the cordial thanks of Synod be tendered to Robert White, Esq, for his valuable donation, (mentioned in the Report), to our Theological Hall, and also to — Hengh, Esq., for 100 copies of the life of the late Rev. Hugh Hengh, D.D., to be given to the Students, and for the general purposes of the Church : and the Synod Clerk is hereby instructed to write to these gentlemen accordingly.

Papers connected with Ed. report read.

It having been stated that there were other Papers having reference to some of the matters treated of in the Report of the Theological Education Committee, it was agreed, on motion, that all Papers relating to the Theological Academy be read in connection with the Report previous to the Synod's entering into the consideration thereof.

Mr. Irving, reference, Presbytery of Toronto.

Read a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto in regard to the Professor's Certificate to Mr. George Irving, Student of Divinity.

Theological students' petition.

Read also a petition from certain Theological Students, praying the Synod to take the constitution and powers of the Committee on Theological Education under review, and to make certain modifications.

Rev. Mr. Wallace, agent F. C. M. S., to address.

The Rev. Dr. Jennings inquired, on the part of the Rev. Mr. Wallace, Agent of the French Canadian Missionary Society, if the Synod would receive an Address on behalf of that Society, and if so, at what time it would be most convenient to hear Mr. Wallace. It was agreed to invite Mr. Wallace to attend, in the interests of the Society with which he is connected, to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Torrance led in prayer, and the Moderator having pronounced the benediction, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock.

IV. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Wednesday, June* 13, 1860.
7 o'clock, P. M.

Tricentenary celebration.

The Synod met, as previously arranged, to celebrate, by religious exercises and Addresses, the Tri-centenary of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland.

Devotions.

The Moderator having taken the Chair, gave out for praise the 98th Psalm, verses 1–4, and after the singing of this passage constituted the Synod by prayer, and then read the 60th chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

Object of meeting stated. Dr. Ferrier's address.

The Moderator having briefly stated the object of the meeting, called on the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, who delivered an Address on "The State of Scotland, civil and religious, previous to the Reformation, with the causes which led immediately to that event."

Engaged in praise singing Ps. 46, 8, 9.

Address by Professor Taylor.

The Rev. Professor Taylor then addressed the meeting on "The Reformation itself and what it accomplished."

Prayer was offered by Dr. Thornton, followed by singing Ps. 90, 14–16.

Address by Mr. Monteath.

The Rev. Mr. Monteath delivered an Address on "The leading doctrinal principles of the Reformation in Scotland."

Address by Mr. Proudfoot.

The Rev. Mr. Proudfoot of London, gave an Address on "The principal Characters who figured in the Scottish Reformation."

Prayer was offered by Mr. Skinner.

Address by Dr. W. Taylor.

The Rev. William Taylor, D.D., of Montreal, addressed the meeting on "The present position and prospects of Protestantism and Popery respectively, in Canada."

Thanks to speakers.

On motion of Mr. Ormiston, the earnest and cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to the several speakers, for the able,

eloquent, interesting and instructive Addresses which they had delivered.

The Doxology was sung, the Synod standing.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

V. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Thursday, June* 14, 1860.
9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of the last two Sederunts were read and, after being amended, were sustained.

Tricentenary addresses, Dr. Thornton's motion.

It was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Barrie, that the members of Synod who delivered the Addresses on the celebration of the Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation, be requested to furnish them for being published in a cheap pamphlet form, the Synod to be responsible for the expense.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Ewing, that the Addresses delivered on the celebration of this Tri-centenary be published in the *Magazine*.

Published in Magazine.

A vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod did and do agree that the Addresses be published in the *Magazine*.

Notices of motion, Synod meeting. Mr. Fraser.

The Rev. W. Fraser gave notice that when the Synod shall meet, at two o'clock, to-day, he shall move that the next annual meeting of Synod be held in the City of London, on the first Tuesday of June, 1861, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Ferrier.

Dr. Ferrier gave notice of an amendment, seconded by Mr. Coutts, that the next meeting of Synod be held in Dr. Taylor's Church, Toronto, on the second Tuesday of June, 1861.

Mr. Aitken.

The Rev. Mr. Aitken gave notice of a further amendment, that at the commencement of the afternoon Sederunt he should move, seconded by Dr. W. Taylor, that next meeting of Synod be held in Montreal, on the evening of the first Tuesday of June, 1861, at 7 o'clock.

Messrs. Bell and Inglis to correspond.

The Rev. Mr. Bell, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Rev. David Inglis, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, being present, were invited to sit with the Synod and correspond.

Theological Education report resumed.

It was agreed to resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Theological Education, interrupted by the adjournment yesterday afternoon. The paragraph of the Report having reference to the conduct of Mr. Irving, Student, towards the Committee as to their order that he should attend certain classes in University College, during the late Session of the Divinity Hall, was read.

Mr. Irving.

Pleadings.

Heard the Committee through Dr. Thornton, Professor Taylor, Mr. Ormiston and Mr. Torrance. Heard Mr. Irving.

Questions.

Questions were asked Mr. Irving, and were answered. Questions were asked the Committee and were answered.

Professor Taylor has leave of absence.

Professor Taylor asked and obtained leave of absence from the afternoon and evening Sederunts to-day.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet at two o'clock, in the afternoon.

Closed with the benediction.

VI. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Thursday, June* 14, 1860.
2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Minutes of Presbyteries, reports on.

Called for the Reports of the several committees appointed to examine the records of Presbyteries. Reports were given in on the Minutes of the Presbyteries of London, Flamboro', Canada East, Brant, Huron, and Grey, attesting that the Records of these Presbyteries were correctly kept. The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto reported that they found business regularly transacted and recorded, with the exceptions that the Minutes of May 3rd, and of February 1st, 1859, are not recorded and sustained, although signed in the usual manner. The Clerk of the Toronto Presbytery explained. The explanation was received. The Committee on the Records of the Durham Presbytery reported, that the books of that Presbytery had not been put into their hands. The Clerk of the Durham Presbytery explained.

Minutes of Presbyteries, motions on.

A motion was submitted by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Dr. W. Taylor, of the following tenor :—That the law requiring the annual examination of the Presbytery Minutes be amended, to the effect that such examination shall be required biennially, this to commence next year.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Porteous, that the existing rule of Synod as to the examination of Presbytery Records be adhered to.

Decision.

A vote being taken, Mr. Logie's amendment was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Water Works, invited to visit.

Read and received a letter from James E. Day, Esq., Secretary to the Commissioners of the Hamilton Water Works, inviting the Synod to visit the Fountains and Hydrants connected with the works, on King Street, in this City, and requesting to be informed at what time it would be convenient for the Synod to attend for this purpose.

The Synod agreed to record their thanks for the courtesy shown them by the Hamilton Water Commissioners; agree to

accept the invitation, and to visit the works after the adjournment, at noon, to-morrow. Instructed the Clerk to communicate with Mr. Day to this effect.

Tricentenary. Extract Minutes Synod Ch. of Scotland. Canada.

Read and received Extract Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, dated May 30, 1860, and signed W. Snodgrass, Clerk of Synod; bearing that in accordance with the Report of their Committee on the celebration of the Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation, they recommended all the Ministers of that Church to direct the attention of their people to the character and results of the Scottish Reformation, by appropriate discourses, on the 16th day of December next, the Sabbath next preceding the day on which the first General Assembly was held in Edinburgh; and that their Clerk be instructed to communicate this recommendation to the Moderators of the other Presbyterian Synods in this Province, with the expression of the desire of that Synod, that they also include a like arrangement in their mode of celebration.

Action of Synod already, in accordance with recommendation.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Snodgrass, and to state, for the information of the Church of Scotland Synod, that action has already been taken by this Synod, in accordance with their recommendation.

Next meeting of Synod—time and place.

Proceeded to fix the place and time for the next meeting of Synod; when, according to previous notice, the Rev. W. Fraser, moved, seconded by Dr. Jennings, that the next meeting be held in the City of London.

Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Coutts moved, that the next meeting be held in Dr. Taylor's Church, in the City of Toronto.

Mr. Aitken moved, seconded by Dr. William Taylor, that the next meeting be held in Dr. Taylor's Church, in the City of Montreal.

A vote was first taken between Montreal and Toronto, when 48 voted for Montreal and 18 for Toronto. Another vote was taken between Montreal and London, when 43 voted for Montreal and 28 for London.

In Montreal.

The Synod decided in accordance with the foregoing, that the next annual meeting be held in the City of Montreal.

1st Tuesday of June, 1861.

It was agreed that the time of the next meeting of Synod shall be the first Tuesday of June, 1861, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Theological Education Committee report resumed. Parties removed.

Resumed consideration of the Report of the Theological Education Committee in the case of Mr. Irving, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning. No further questions being proposed, the parties were declared to be removed.

Motions on.

It was then moved by Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Ewing, that the Synod sustain the action of the Theological Education Committee in this case.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, that the Committee on Theological Education have not exceeded the powers conferred on them by the Synod.

Decision.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Barrie was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in accordance therewith, that the action of the Theological Education Committee in this case be sustained.

Mr. Irving apologised.

Mr. Irving, after this decision was announced, apologized to the Synod for the course which he had pursued before the Theological Education Committee, said that he retracted the offensive language which he had used, and expressed sorrow for having used it.

Motion on the case.

It was then moved by Mr. Caven, seconded Mr. Coutts, that Mr. Irving's apology be sustained, and that, after satisfying the constituted authorities as to his qualifications, he be taken on trials for license, by the Presbytery of Toronto, or any other Presbytery in which he may be, when prepared.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Glassford, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, that the Synod is satisfied with the apology which Mr. Irving has made, and directs the Presbytery of Toronto to take him on trials for license, according to the laws and usages of the Church.

Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. James, seconded Mr. Pringle, that Mr. Irving be examined by the Synod's Commtttee on Theological Education; that he be required to prosecute those branches of study wherein that Committee find him deficient, and that he be placed under Presbyterial superintendence for another year, before being taken on trials for license.

Decision.

A vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. Glassford and that of Mr. James, when that of Mr. Glassford was lost, and was dropped from the list of motions. Another vote was then taken between the amendment of Mr. James and the original motion, when the motion was carried by a large majority, and the Synod did and do decide in terms of the said motion:

That Mr. Irving's apology be sustained, and that, after satisfying the constituted authorities as to his qualifications, he be taken on trials for license by the Presbytery of Toronto, or any other Presbytery in which he may be when prepared.

Proceeded with consideration of the Report of the Theological Education Committee.

Mr. Hay's case. Decision on.

It was agreed, on motion of Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Ormiston, that inasmuch as Mr. Hay expresses his willingness to be examined, the London Presbytery be instructed to examine him on his last year's course, and take him on trials for license.

Address by Rev. Mr. Bell.

The Rev. Mr. Bell, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, who had been invited, in the morning, to sit with us as a correspondent, briefly addressed the Synod. The Moderator replied.

The hour of five o'clock having arrived, Mr. Porteous, by request, led in prayer, and the benediction being pronounced by the Moderator, the Synod adjourned, to meet in Synodical Missionary Meeting, at 7 o'clock.

VII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Thursday, June* 14, 1860.
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met in Synodical Missionary Meeting. Opened with praise, singing Paraphrase 26. 12–15. At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Alexander Kennedy offered prayer.

Mission Committee report read. Received.

The Report on Missions and Statistics was read by the Convener of the Mission Committee, the Rev. Mr. Torrance. The Report was received.

Address by Mr. James.

An Address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. James, of Galt, on the subject of "The duty of every Christian to cultivate and display a Missionary spirit."

Praise.

Engaged in praise, singing Paraphrase 20. 3–4.

Prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Jennings by request led in prayer.

Address by Mr. Balmer.

An Address on the subject of "Paul as a Missionary," was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Balmer, of Detroit.

Address by Mr. Wallace, agent F. C. M. S.

The Rev. Mr. Wallace, general agent of the French Canadian Missionary Society, who had, yesterday evening, been invited to address the Synod in the interests of that Society was now introduced by the Rev. Dr. Jennings, and welcomed by the Moderator. Mr. Wallace then addressed the Synod.

Address by Dr. W. Taylor.

The Rev. Dr. W. Taylor briefly addressed the meeting.

Thanks to Messrs. James and Balmer.

On motion, the thanks of Synod were tendered to Messrs. James and Balmer for the excellent and instructive Addresses which they had delivered.

Thanks to Mr. Wallace.

On motion of Mr. W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cross, it was resolved, that the Synod tender hearty thanks to the Rev. Mr. Wallace for the lucid, convincing and interesting information which he has given respecting the operations of the Society of which he is the agent; and further, that the Synod embrace the opportunity of again recommending to the Congregations under

their care, the claims of the French Canadian Missionary Society to their continued and liberal support. Recommendation.

Thanks to Convener Mission Committee.

On motion of Dr. Thornton, the thanks of Synod were tendered to the Convener of the Missionary Committee, for the lucid and elaborate Report submitted by him, on the Home Missions and Statistics of the Church.

Praise.

Engaged in praise, singing Ps. 2. 6–8.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Barrie led in prayer, and the Moderator having pronounced the benediction, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

VIII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Friday, June* 15, 1860.
9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The Minutes of the last two Sederunts were read, and, with an amendment, were sustained.

Mr. Reikie's letter.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Thomas M. Reikie, delegate of the Congregational Union of Canada to this Synod, explaining that it was impossible for him to be present at this meeting.

Accounts, report of audit committee.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Synod's Treasurers reported in terms following:—

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Synod, beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Rev. Thomas Christie, and find them accurately kept, showing a balance in favour of the said Thomas Christie of nineteen shillings and eleven pence half-penny, and that the accounts of Robert Christie, Esq., are not ready for being audited.

Case of Mr. Hay reconsidered.

It was moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Skinner, that the Resolution found on the Minutes, in reference to the case of

complaint of the Theological Committee against Mr. Hay, be reconsidered. The motion was put to vote and carried, *nem. con.*

Mr. Hay, case of.

It was further moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Skinner, that in place of Dr. Jennings' resolution, in the case of complaint by the Theological Committee against Mr. Hay, the following be adopted by the Synod :—That Mr. Hay be required to perform the exercises prescribed by the Theological Committee, and thereafter, on applying to any Presbytery he be taken on trials for license.

Decision on.

A vote being taken, the motion was carried, *nem. con.*, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Theological Education Committee, continuation of powers.

It was agreed to proceed now with further consideration of the Report of the Theological Education Committee. Read the clause requesting the Synod to sustain and continue the powers conferred on the Committee last year, to regulate the studies of the Students of Divinity during the Session of the Hall.

Motion on.

It was moved by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Cross, that the part of the Report now read be adopted.

Amendment.

An amendment was submitted by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Robertson, to the following effect :—

That the Synod find that misapprehension and confusion, on the part both of Students and Presbyteries, have resulted from the Act of last Synod, intrusting new powers to the Committee on Theological Education, resume the powers so intrusted, transmit the whole matter of the admissson and superintendence of Students to Presbyteries, to report at next meeting of Synod, and, in the meantime, revert to the practice that has hitherto prevailed.

Union, deputation on.

The Rev. Dr. Thornton here introduced the Rev. Mr. Ure, and the Rev. Professor Young, deputies from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, charged to lay on the table of the Synod the Basis of Union, as finally agreed upon by the former Synod.

Correspondents.

The Rev. Messrs. Starke, Wardrope, Ross, Allan, and Grey, of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, being present, were invited to sit with us, and correspond.

Basis submitted. Mr. Ure and Professor Young address.

The Rev. Mr. Ure having laid the Paper containing the Basis on the table, addressed the Synod at length, expressing the fraternal salutations of the Church with which he is connected, to this Church, and the cordial desire of the great majority of their Synod for Union. Professor Young then addressed the Synod to a similar purport.

Dr. W. Taylor replied.

The Rev. Dr. W. Taylor, at the request of the Moderator, replied, reciprocating the kindly expressions of the deputies.

Mr. Starke and Mr. Wardrope address.

The Rev. Wm. Starke then briefly addressed the Synod. The Rev. Mr. Wardrope also addressed the Synod.

Theol. Ed. Committee resumed.

Resumed consideration of the business interrupted by the introduction of the Deputation.

Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,—That the Theological Committee be re-appointed, and be associated with the Professor, in superintending the literary course of the Students during the Session of the Hall, and that the certificate of this Committee be necessary to Presbyteries taking the Student on trial for further progress in his studies, during the recess, and for license.

Decision.

On votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Inglis was successively preferred to the motion of Mr. James, and the amendment of Mr. Baird, by very large majorities, and the Synod did and do decide in terms of the amendment of Mr. Inglis.

Dissent.

Mr. Baird dissented.

Theological Education Committee re-appointed.

The Committee on Theological Education, as re-appointed by the foregoing resolution, is composed of the following ministers, namely :—Professor Taylor, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Kennedy, Dick, Torrance, Ormiston, King and Drummond. Professor Taylor, Convener.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 2 o'clock.

IX. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Friday*, 15*th June*, 1860,
2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. King appointed examiner.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. King was appointed one of the Examiners in the Committee on Theological Education.

Letter from Express Line of Steamers.

Read and received, a letter from Wm. Bowen, Esq., Agent of Express Line of Steamers on Lake Ontario, stating that return tickets of the Grand Trunk Railroad, held by members of Synod, will be available to return by the Boats of the aforesaid Line.

Mechanics' Institute, invitation of.

Read and received, a letter from Archibald McCallum, Esq., Secretary to the Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute, conveying the invitation of the President and Directors of that Institution to members of Synod to visit their Reading Room, and make use of the Library of the Institution.

Replies to be made.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to both those letters, conveying the thanks of Synod for the accommodation offered in the first, and the kind invitation in the other.

Union, consideration of Basis.

Entered upon the consideration of the question of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Agreed to take up the Basis of Union laid on the Synod's table by the deputies of the Presbyterian Synod, in the morning, and to proceed with the consideration of the same, Article by Article.

Correspondents.

The Rev. Messrs. Topp, McRuar, McDonald, McVicar, and John McMurrich, Esq., of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, being present, were invited to sit in Synod, and correspond.

Article 1 adopted.

The first Article of the Basis of Union was read, and on motion, was unanimously agreed to.

Article 2 read.

The second Article was read.

Prayer and praise.

At this stage, engaged in devotional exercises, Mr. Skinner leading in prayer, with the singing of Ps. cxxxiii. 1, 2.

Article 2 adopted.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. John Scott, the second Article, as amended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was unanimously agreed to.

Article 3 adopted.

The third Article was read; and on motion, was agreed to unanimously.

Article 4 read with note formerly attached.

The fourth Article was read; and also the note attached to it by this Synod last year, and of which the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada request the removal.

Motion on. Mr. Watson.

It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Morrison,—That the note be taken away, and the following words added to Article 4, viz.: "It being understood, that no one is held bound to believe that by the revealed will of Christ, the civil magistrate has been appointed either to assume the authority, or act the part of Patron of the Church on the one hand, or on the other to submit to her dictation."

Amendment, Dr. W. Taylor.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. William Taylor, seconded by Mr. Aitken, That this note is designed to declare the fact, that the United Presbyterian Church has always maintained the doctrine therein stated, and has denied certain inferences unfairly deduced from it,—particularly the right which magistrates have sometimes claimed, in the name of God, to prescribe the faith of the Church; to regulate her ordinances, and interfere in various ways with her ecclesiastical action;—That viewed in this sense, this Synod cannot reject the sentiments contained in it, nor do we think it necessary to do so, to meet the views of our brethren of the other Synod:—That nevertheless, this Synod does not insist on its being retained as a part of the Basis of Union;—But requests the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to cause this our deliverance to be entered on their minutes, to stand as a record.

2nd Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Ewing,—That the following words be added to the 4th Article, "It being understood that perfect unanimity of sentiment is not required in reference to the interpretation or application of the doctrines referred to in this Article."

Theological Education Committee. Mr. Drummond added to.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Drummond, the Moderator of Synod, was added to the Committee on Theological Education.

A motion on the Basis of Union was read by Dr. Jennings.

The hour of five o'clock having arrived, Mr. James, at the request of the Moderator, led in prayer, and the benediction having been pronounced, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7 o'clock.

X. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Friday*, 15*th June*, 1860.
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called, and the minutes of last sederunt were read, and on being amended, were sustained.

Theological Education Committee report resumed.

Took up again the Report of the Committee on Theological Education, when the paragraph in relation to setting apart a day for special prayer on behalf of the Theological Institute, was read. It was on motion, agreed,—That the suggestion of the Report respecting the prayers of the Church, for the Divinity Hall be adopted by the Synod, and that the first Sabbath of October be the day appointed, on which day it is recommended that the annual collection, enjoined in support of the Hall, be taken up.

Prayer for Theological Hall.

Collection for Hall.

Union resumed. 4th Article.

Resumed consideration of the Basis of Union, interrupted by the adjournment. The fourth Article, read at the afternoon sederunt, was taken up.

After long reasoning, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod unanimously agreed not now to adjourn, but to proceed in consideration of the question before the Court.

Amendment, Dr. Jennings.

The Rev. Dr. Jennings, seconded by the Rev. John Fraser, moved in further amendment,—That this Synod, in consideration of misconstructions that may be put on the note annexed to Article 4, of the Basis of Union, resolve to drop that note from the Basis, and that they accept Article 4, with this declaration: That in accepting the Basis, the Synod do not hold any member of the Church committed to a departure from his opposition to a national ecclesiastical establishment of religion. Further,—That this Synod, while believing that evidence is happily furnished of a very large measure of cordial agreement between the two Churches, on such practical applications of the principle in Article 4 as may arise, and such as warrants the hope of substantial harmony in the United Body, yet the Synod do not mean to affirm that on all questions respecting the applications of said principle, there will be absolute unanimity. That this Synod send the above declaration to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and, if satisfactory, request its insertion in the minutes of said Synod.

Amendment, Mr. Ormiston.

It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. Caven, That the respectful request of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to remove the note formerly appended to the fourth Article, be complied with; and that the following words be added to the fourth Article, namely: "It being understood that in the application of the doctrine of this Article, mutual forbearance shall be exercised."

Motions withdrawn.

After having unanimously agreed to the first three Articles of the Basis, and after lengthened reasoning on the fourth Article, the Synod declared themselves ready for the vote, and thereupon, Mr. Watson, Mr. Kennedy, and Dr. Jennings, withdrew the motions which they had respectively proposed, and there remained before the Synod, only the motion of Dr. Taylor, and that of Mr. Ormiston.

Decision.

A vote was taken, when 54 voted for Mr. Ormiston's motion, and 10 for that of Dr. Taylor.

Made unanimous.

A second vote was then taken on Mr. Ormiston's motion alone, when it was carried unanimously.

Article 5 adopted.

The fifth Article of the Basis was read and adopted.

Article 6 adopted.

The sixth Article was read and adopted.

Basis as whole adopted.

On motion made and seconded, the Basis of Union as a whole, as amended by the addition made to the fourth Article, was unanimously adopted.

Deputation to lay Basis before Presbyterian Synod.

The Synod then appointed Dr. William Taylor, Rev. Messrs. Ormiston and Caven, a deputation to lay an authenticated copy of the Basis of Union, as now amended, on the table of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, as soon as convenient to-morrow morning, instructing the deputation at the same time to convey to that Synod our cordial Christian salutations.

Adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Closed with the benediction.

XI. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, *Saturday, June* 16, 1860.
9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last sederunt were read, and on being amended, were sustained.

Students' petition, Theologica Education Committee

Took up a petition in relation to the constitution of the Committee on Theological Education, from certain students of Divinity, praying for modifications in that Committee.

Petition dismissed.

On motion of Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Baird, it was agreed,—That the Synod having read the petition of certain students of Theology, find that the objects prayed for in said petition have been attained by previous decisions of Synod; therefore resolve that the petition be dismissed.

Mr. Milligan's petition.

Took up a petition from James Milligan, student of Divinity, stating that he intended to attend a Session of the Divinity Hall in Scotland, and praying that in the event of his bringing a certificate to the effect of his having attended there as a fourth year's student, the Presbytery of Toronto be authorised to take him on trials for license, and if he should give satisfaction, to grant him a license.

Not granted.

On motion, it was resolved,—That in view of all the consequences involved, it is deemed inexpedient to grant the prayer of this petition.

Standing committees, overture on.

Read and received, an overture from the Presbytery of London, proposing that henceforth one-third of the members of all Standing Committees retire each year, and not to be re-eligible for at least one year thereafter, and that the only exceptions shall be in the case of such as may be permanent officials, and whose presence in committee, connected with their offices, may be desirable, if not absolutely necessary; and further, that the Synod do, in appointing said Committee this year, in the first place determine how many members each shall consist of, and thereafter choose, without regard to whether they may have been on the Committee before or not, *first*,—The third part whose term of office shall expire in *three years;* secondly—The third who are to serve *two years;* thirdly,—The third part who are to serve *one year*.

Standing committees, resolution on. Existing law repealed—new model adopted.

Moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Aitken, and agreed to, —That having considered this overture, the Synod resolve, that the present rules respecting the appointment of Standing Committees be repealed; that the principle contained in the overture respecting the retirement of members of Committees be adopted; and that in addition to the part of the overture re-

Nomination Committee, duties of.

ferred to, enact, that the Moderator shall at the first sederunt annually appoint three members whose duty shall be to select and nominate persons to fill the places of those who retire from the Standing Committees; also to consider and report at the same time, the order in which members of existing Committees shall retire.

Motion to adjourn negatived.

A motion was here made, that the Synod adjourn till Monday evening, which was negatived, and it was resolved to proceed with the business.

Mission committee report considered.

Took up the Report of the Mission Committee, read at the sederunt of Thursday evening.

Missionary labour of ministers in supplemented congregations.

The first suggestion of the report was adopted, to the effect, That the law of Synod requiring the pastors of supplemented congregations to perform missionary labours in proportion to the aid received, should be strictly enforced, or that Presbyteries give to the Synod satisfactory reasons for non-compliance.

2nd suggestion. Mission Funds not adopted.

The second suggestion of the report was read, to the effect that an earnest appeal be made to the Church to increase her missionary contributions. On motion of Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was resolved,—That inasmuch as a special effort was made in this matter, last year, it is deemed unwise to take any further action at present.

3rd. Salaries to increase, not adopted.

Read the third suggestion, that an effort should be made to increase the salaries of Ministers. On motion of Mr. Logie, it was agreed,—That no further action is deemed expedient in reference to this matter.

4th. Deferred.

The fourth suggestion, recommending the employment of Agents corresponding to City missionaries, or Catechists, to explore destitute localities, make known the principles of the Church, and prepare for the erection of new congregations, was read. Agreed to defer consideration thereof in the meantime.

5th. Instruction to Mission Committee.

The fifth suggestion was to the effect that a statement of the wants and prospects of the United Presbyterian Church in

Canada, and of the labour and self-denial requisite on the part of her Missionaries, be published in some of the Home Journals for the information of Preachers in Scotland.

It was agreed that the Mission Committee of this Synod be instructed to request the Mission Board, in Scotland, to send out *three Preachers*, and that the Committee give all necessary explanations as to the terms on which Preachers are received into this Church, such as the term of Probation, guaranteed remuneration, &c.

Statistics. Forms to be issued; then published.

On the question whether or not the Statistics should be published, it was resolved, That Blank Forms for Statistical returns be immediately printed and sent to Presbyteries not supplied with them; that Presbytery Clerks be desired to secure, and send to the Convener of the Committee, before the end of August, the Statistics of the congregations not yet reported, and that these be published along with those already received.

Report, as amended, adopted. Ordered to be printed.

On motion, the Report of the Mission Committee was adopted, as amended, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Mission Committee appointed.

The Committee of Missions was then appointed, consisting of the following persons, namely:—The Rev. Messrs. Torrance, James, Caven, Wm. Inglis, Porteous, and Mr. Drummond, Moderator of Synod, together with Robert Christie, Esq., Treasurer, Messrs. Dalgleish, of Galt, and McVicar, Elders. Mr. Torrance, Convener.

Reeves, Wm. and Edward. Overture, Durham Presbytery.

Took up an overture from the Presbytery of Durham, anent the employment of certain Agents in Mission fields; bearing that two brothers, namely, William and Edward Reeves, members of the Rev. John Scott's Congregation, had appeared before the Presbytery, and had given very satisfactory evidence of their ability, soundness in the faith, and general qualifications for usefulness in the Church; that the Presbytery had unanimously resolved in regard to the younger, viz: Edward Reeves, that he should be encouraged to go forward

with his studies with a view to being qualified to enter the Theological Hall next Session: but that, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the other—William Reeves—it would be dutiful to dispense with the usual Theological Curriculum, or to make certain modifications, and referring the case to the Synod with request to give deliverance thereon.

Durham Presbytery heard.

The Rev. Dr. Thornton, Rev. Messrs. Scott and King, appeared on behalf of the Presbytery of Durham, warmly supporting the overture, and requesting Synod to authorise the Presbytery to superintend the studies of the said William Reeves, with a view of preparing him for regular employment in the ministry.

Reeves, Wm., case of.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. King,—That the request of the Memorial respecting William Reeves, be granted, and that besides having his studies superintended by the Durham Presbytery, he be required to appear for examination before the Committee on Theological Education; it being distinctly understood that this decision is not intended to establish a general rule of procedure in regard to such applications.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Wm. Inglis, seconded by Mr. James,—That the Synod rejoice in the statements of the Durham Presbytery, decline to sanction the request of the overture, but encourage them to employ the young man in the meantime as a Catechist, to superintend his studies, and to report to a subsequent meeting of Synod.

Decision. Motion carried.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Aitken was carried, and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof.

Deputation report.

Mr. Ormiston reported from the Deputation appointed yesterday to lay the Basis of Union before the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, that they had discharged the duties assigned them; that they had been most cordially received; that each member of the deputation had addressed the Synod, and that they had been responded to by Mr. Inglis, Dr. Willis, and the Moderator. Mr. Ormiston also suggested the

expediency of appointing a Committee to take what steps may be requisite on the action which may be taken on the Basis, as submitted to the Presbyterian Synod.

Suggestion on Union Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that the Union Committee be re-appointed with certain additions, after stated, to meet with any Committee appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to prosecute the matter of Union, and with power if they see cause, to request the Moderator to call an interim meeting of Synod.

Union Committee appointed.

The Union Committee was then appointed, under the foregoing resolution, as follows: Dr. William Taylor, Dr. Jennings, Dr. Thornton, Rev. Messrs. Skinner, Proudfoot, Kennedy, Ormiston, Aitken, together with Messrs. Lunn, Young, and Robertson, elders, with the addition of Rev. A. A. Drummond, (Moderator,) Rev. Messrs. Caven and King. Dr. Taylor, Convener.

Adjournment, proposal for, negatived.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Moderator inquired if the Synod should now adjourn. It was agreed to continue the sederunt, and proceed with the business.

Proudfoot Testimonial.

Called for the Report of the Committee on the Proudfoot Testimonial. Mr. Inglis stated on behalf of the Committee, that they had no regular report to submit, and handed in an account of moneys received during the past year, shewing that but little progress had been made towards attaining the object contemplated.

Committee re-appointed.

The Committee, consisting of Messrs. Skinner, Wm. Inglis, and Caven, was then re-appointed, and requested to make renewed exertions in the matter during the current year. Mr. Caven, Convener.

U. P. Church, N. A., correspondence.

Called for the report of the committee on correspondence with the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Mr. Wm. Inglis, the convener, submitted a copy of letter written to the General Assembly of the said church, together with the reply thereto, which had been recently received. The letter and reply were read.

Letters read.

Thanks to Committee.

On motion, the thanks of Synod were tendered to the committee of correspondence for their diligence.

Congregational Union, Mr. Ormiston's excuse for not attending.

Mr. Ormiston stated that it had been impossible for him to fulfil the appointment given him at last Synod, as a delegate to the Congregational Union of Canada, for the reason that the meeting of that body was held in the city of Montreal, at the same time with the present meeting of this Synod.

Religious instruction in schools, Dr. Ryerson's circular—report on.

Called for the report of the committee to whom was referred the circular of Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada, in relation to religious instruction in the public schools. The report was given in by Mr. Dick, the convener, in the following terms:—"Your committee having considered the letter of the Chief Superintendent of Education, Canada West, and the subject of religious exercises in the Common Schools specially referred to in it, respectfully report: That while they oppose and deprecate all State enactments enforcing religious exercises in the Common Schools, yet they think it right that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments should be read daily in them, as a religious exercise, and that parents, teachers and trustees, should use all their legitimate influence to effect this desirable and important object."

Laid on table.

It was resolved to lay the report on the table until next meeting of Synod.

General agent, overture on, delayed.

Read and received an overture from Dr. Thornton, transmitted by the Presbytery of Durham, on the employment of a general agent, for all the schemes of the church. It was agreed that, at so late a period of the meeting, and in view of the great importance of the object, it was inexpedient to enter upon this matter, and that it be delayed till next meeting.

Rev. James Gibson, death of.

The committee to whom it was referred to draw up a minute respecting the late Rev. Mr. Gibson, gave in a report to the following purport:—

"This Synod would devoutly acknowledge the strikingly solemn dispensation of Providence in the sudden removal by death of the late Rev. James Gibson, Convener of the Finance Committee of this church, during the past year, and would record its high sense of his superior talents, diligence and piety as a minister of the gospel, and would deeply sympathise with his sorrowing and bereaved widow and family."

Report adopted.

The report was adopted.

Instruction to clerk.

Instructed the clerk to communicate this resolution to Mrs. Gibson, and to express the sincere sympathy of Synod with her and all the members of her family, under the bereavement with which divine Providence has visited them.

Resignation of Treasurer Rev. T. Christie, delined.

Read and received a communication from the Rev. Thomas Christie, of the following tenor:—The treasurer of the "Home Fund" begs leave respectfully to tender his resignation to this Synod, and would earnestly entertain the hope of its acceptance, on the ground of important changes having been made which render the continuance of the office unnecessary. Hamilton, 16th June, 1860.

The Synod declined acceptance of Mr. Christie's resignation, and respectfully request him to retain the office for another year.

Order for printing.

Ordered,—That 600 copies of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod be printed for the use of ministers and sessions.

Accounts to be audited and published.

As the committee specially appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer—Robert Christie, Esq.,—for the past year, had reported that those accounts were not ready for examination, Messrs. Porteous and James, who had been appointed at a former sederunt, to audit accounts from this date to the end of the year, were in addition, requested to examine the accounts for the past year, so that they may be prepared for publication.

Ordered,—That the accounts when audited, be published in the Magazine,—with instructions to Mr. Christie to abbreviate as much as possible the statement prepared for the Press, by

giving the total sums contributed by each congregation, to the various Funds for the year, in a single line.

Janitor, thanks to, and order on services.

On a motion being made to pay the Janitor—Mr. Henderson—for his services at this meeting, he very respectfully declined acceptance of any pecuniary remuneration. The Synod thereupon tendered thanks to Mr. Henderson, and instructed their Clerk at his convenience, and at the expense of Synod, to present to him some suitable book as an acknowledgment for his attendance and services.

Thanks to Mr. Ormiston and Congregation, &c.

The thanks of Synod were then tendered to Mr. Ormiston, and through him to the office-bearers of the Church, for the excellent accommodation furnished for this meeting, and to the members of the congregation of McNab Street Church, and other friends, for their generous hospitality to members of Synod, on this occasion.

The business being brought to a close, the Moderator addressed the Synod, and having announced that the next meeting would be held in the United Presbyterian Church in the city of Montreal, on the first Tuesday of June, 1861, concluded by pronouncing the benediction.

A. A. DRUMMOND, *Moderator.*
WM. FRASER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

[No. I.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Theological Education beg respectfully to report as follows:

The Session of the Divinity Hall was opened on Tuesday 18th October—the Rev. the Moderator in the chair. With him there were present of the Committee the Revs. Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Kennedy, Torrance, King, and Dr. Taylor. After singing and reading the Scriptures, prayer was offered up by Dr. Thornton; Dr. Taylor read his Introductory Lecture. Mr. King delivered an address. Mr. James of Galt, at the request of the Chairman led in prayer, and the meeting was closed with singing and the benediction.

Nine students entered the Hall, viz., of the fourth year, three, Messrs. Jas. Hanran, William Henderson Hay, and George Irving; of the second year, two, Messrs Peter Goodfellow, and James Milligan; of the third year, three, Messrs. Alexander McNaughtan, William Thompson Murdoch, and William Richardson; and of the first year, one, Mr. John Monro Gibson. The Committee arranged satisfactorily with all the students respecting study during the winter, except that Mr. Irving, in a very offensive manner, called in question the authority of the Committee, and declined to give them any satisfaction as to whether he would, or would not, attend any classes. The Committee intimated to him in writing through their clerk, "that in consideration of his well ascertained deficiency in the Classics and in Hebrew, they agreed to enjoin upon him attendance upon the Hebrew class, and also recommended attendance upon the Greek if his time would at all permit, and if not, that he should devote all the attention he could give, to a careful study of the Greek New Testament." The Committee have learnt, with regret, that he has not attended either the Hebrew or the Greek class.

The Sub-Committee for Examination have reported as follows:—

Toronto, 23rd Nov. 1859.—The Examiners met—the Rev. W. Ormiston in the chair. Proceeded to estimate the papers given in by the students, and after careful consideration, agreed to arrange the writers of them in the following order of merit, viz., of the fourth year, Mr. Hanran, Mr. Irving; of the third year, Messrs. Goodfellow and Milligan who are bracketed; and of the second year, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Richardson, Mr. McNaughtan. Of the first year, there being only one student, Mr. Gibson, and consequently no direct competition, the Examiners deemed it only justice to declare that they regarded his papers as of a high order of merit. Those bracketed were considered so nearly equal, that no attempt was made to distinguish them. Messrs. Hanran, Irving, Milligan, Murdoch, and

Richardson applied for Exhibitions, and £10 was granted to each. Mr. Hay, who had not undergone examination, applied for a loan of £10, promising to undergo examination in February; and it was agreed, in the circumstances, to lend him that sum, making a disbursement in all of £60. The Examiners were highly pleased with some of the papers, but found others exceedingly defective, and cannot refrain from urging on the Synod the necessity for increased strictness in ascertaining the proficiency of students, and the propriety of encouraging them to make every effort after higher attainments in learning.

(Signed,) W. ORMISTON, *Chairman.*

At last report there was, belonging to the Fund for aiding and encouraging students in Divinity, the sum of £95 3s. 6d., with interest say £101 3s. 6d. The committee have since received from the congregation:—Of Newton, £13; of Gould Street, Toronto £20; of Harwich, additional, £1; of Paris £5 5s., including interest; of Glen Morris £2 10s.; from Oshawa £3; from Miss Rodger, West Dumfries, 15s.; and Thomas Sandilands, Esq., Guelph, and William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton, have each paid £10, making in all £166 13s. 6d.; and leaving, after deducting the above £60 received by students, £106 13s. 6d.

There was last year a balance of 6s. 11½d, in favour of the Library, and the committee have since received from the congregation—Of Hamilton £10; of Newton £1; of Goderich 10s., and interest on these sums 7s. 6d., making in all £12 4s. 5½d. The committee have much pleasure in stating that Robert White, Esq., Glasgow, Scotland, has made a donation of two hundred volumes of excellent books to the library; and his generosity is the more highly to be appreciated that he is not himself connected with the United Presbyterian Church. On account of these books there was paid in freight, carriage, duty &c., £5 5s. 11d.; new books have been added to the library costing £8 12s; making in all £13 17s. 11d.; and leaving a balance against the library of £1 13s. 5½d.; — Hengh, Esq., son of the late Rev. Hugh Hengh, D.D., Glasgow, transmitted to Dr. Taylor, last summer, 100 copies of the Life of that distinguished minister, one copy to be presented to each student, and the remainder to be disposed of by Dr. Taylor on behalf of the funds of the Church. The committee record their very high sense of the value of that work by the excellent Home Mission Secretary of the Church in Scotland, and also their estimate of the kindness and liberality of Mr. Hengh in presenting to us such a gift. But they regret exceedingly to state that these books (the Life) were consumed at the burning of Dr. Taylor's house in August last. The committee beg to suggest that the cordial thanks of the Synod should be conveyed both to Mr. White and to Mr. Hengh.

The Session of the Divinity Hall was closed on Thursday, 12th April. The Rev. the Moderator presided, and all the members of committee were present. After singing, the Rev. Mr. Torrance led in prayer. Dr. Taylor read a concluding lecture, and stated that a termination of the four years curriculum, as well as of the annual session had arrived—that the students had been examined, during the winter: in Theology, on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the 80th inclusive to the close; in Church

History, on Mosheim's work, from the beginning of the 16th century to the end of the book; that they had read critically the Epistle to the Galatians, in Greek; and in Hebrew had read the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th chapters of Genesis; and some selected passages from other books; together with the corresponding portions of the Septuagint. Each student had also delivered one discourse, and had given in three written exercises on prescribed subjects. It was a matter of gratitude, too, that all connected with the Hall had been favoured with excellent health during the Session. An Address was then delivered by the Moderator, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. James, of Galt.

The Committee unanimously directed Dr. Taylor to add to the certificate of Mr. Irving, that he had refused to have his studies regulated by the committee—that they would report his case to the Synod, and were of opinion that he ought not to be taken on trial for license till a deliverance by the Synod should be given. They directed that a similar addition should be made to the certificate of Mr. Hay, with the difference that the charge against him was that he had declined to undergo examination before the committee. These cases are hereby reported accordingly. And the committee earnestly request the Synod to sustain them in their endeavours to carry out the regulations of last year, respecting the regulating of the studies of students during the session of the Hall.

The committee are aware that several religious denominations in Canada and elsewhere, annually set apart a day for special prayer on behalf of their students in Divinity, and Theological seminaries. It is humbly conceived that this example is worthy of imitation, and the committee respectfully submit to the Synod the propriety of considering whether the practice might not be adopted in this church.

JOHN TAYLOR, *Convener.*

[No. II.]

REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE.

In preparing and presenting their report, your Committee will give the first place to those congregations which have received supplement from the Mission Fund during the past year. These were Cambray and Manilla, in the Presbytery of Durham, £35—Prince Albert, in the same Presbytery, £30, granted 20th June, 1859, and at their meeting on Tuesday last, the Committee granted other £30 for the year which closed, it is presumed, on the 17th April, that being the date of the ordination of the Pastor—Culross, £58 1s., covering a period of two years—North Brant, £10—Fitzroy Harbour and Torbolton, £25—Turnberry, Howick and Grey, under the pastorate of Mr. Young, £68 4s. 7d., covering a period of one year and five months—Carlisle, £25—in all, £281 5s. 7d., to seven pastoral charges.

Considerable difficulty has been felt by the Committee in dealing with some of these cases, partly in consequence of inadequate information respecting the circumstances of the congregation applying—partly from not knowing whether the stipend promised at the settlement of the pastor had been paid, and if not, whether the Presbytery had taken steps to bring the congregation to the performance of their promise, and partly from non-compliance with the law of Synod requiring the pastor of every supplemented congregation to perform missionary labour within the bounds of the Presbytery, in proportion to the amount of aid received. It would materially contribute to lighten and render more pleasant the business of your Committee, if Presbyteries, through which applications pass, were careful to insist upon observance of the laws of the church before such applications are transmitted. It might be advisable to authorize the Committee, when they get fresh copies of blank forms printed, and at present there are none in hand, to prefix to them the laws of the Synod bearing on such cases, or perhaps the Synod will approve of a new form which they have prepared to submit.—Some of the congregations we have named are represented in the recommendations with which their applications were accompanied as strictly missionary in their character, and the Committee have no reason to call in question the accuracy of such representations: in such instances supplement has been granted without hesitation. In dealing with others your Committee have had to travel over their transactions for the last seven years in order to arrive at a full and clear understanding of the matter; in one case the Committee had to remind the applicants that they had been making no advance on the stipend paid their Pastor, and to state that there would be no further aid granted, unless missionary labour were performed as enjoined by Synod.

Thirteen names appear on the books of the Committee as applicants for remuneration for probationary services, and the amount they have drawn is £376 12s. 4½d., or close upon £29 to each, and the total number of Sabbaths embraced in their "General Statement," is 505. Of these Probationers, only one had any claim upon the Fund through engagements with the Board in Scotland, and that was for a comparatively small amount. One case was of a peculiar nature. The health of the party admitted of his fulfilling appointments for only five months, but the Committee thought they would be justified by the circumstances, and borne out by the Synod, in allowing full pay for the half year. So far as known to them the Committee have not supplemented a Probationer for a congregation situated within six miles of another enjoying a settled pastorate, or, if they have done so they have charged the Presbytery with the deficiency, and required them to pay it into the hands of the Synod Treasurer.

Comparatively few reports by Preachers have been received by the Committee during the past year. This they regret. Had a greater number been forwarded —had those Presbyteries which retained these reports transmitted them, your Committee would have had better means of judging of the energy and zeal of Probationers to whom they have been called to vote sums of money; would have had greater knowledge of the state and prospects of the vacancies of the church; and perhaps, would have been furnished with some interesting facts which would have relieved this Report from the somewhat repulsive aspect of being little more than a statistical detail.

Mr. Frazer, Catechist, appears to be still prosecuting his labours with efficiency in the bounds of the London Presbytery. Two reports, each for half-a-year, have been received from him since your last meeting. For the first half-year his receipts were £4 15s., leaving a balance of £17 15s.: and for the second half-year, his receipts were £10 5s., leaving a balance of £12 15s.: his total receipts for the year have therefore been £15, so that he has drawn £30 from the Fund. The Committee have never abated their estimate of the personal worth of Mr. Frazer, of his piety and zeal in the cause of the great God, even our Saviour; of his fitness for usefulness in the work to which he earnestly and self-denyingly devotes himself, nor of the good effects of his labours,—effects which we apprehend are visible now, and will continue to be visible long hence in the state and history of our Zion, and which shall be witnessed unto eternity.

Under the head of "General Business," the Committee might have reported on several matters which have engaged their attention, and some of which have caused them no small measure of trouble. They have endeavoured to deal with them honestly, in the spirit of kindness, and in accordance with the laws of Synod, so far as there were any applicable. We have referred to one peculiar case; there is another which we hoped would have been settled before this, but it is still under consideration.

Your Committee will conclude with bringing before your venerable Court a matter which has engaged their attention, and which they commend to your careful deliberation, in which they pray that you may be guided by the spirit of Christ. You need not be reminded of the action taken by the Board of Missions in Scotland altering the terms on which missionaries had been sent out to Canada. As might have been expected that step has interfered with the supply of labourers from the old country, and the church in the Province does not appear to have arrived at such a state of Christian fervour and devotion as to be able or disposed to furnish from her own ranks, men of talent, piety and education to occupy the watch-towers on Zion's walls. Nor is the stipend usually paid by congregations, or, at all events guaranteed by the Synod, such as to act as an inducement either for young men in the country to give themselves to to the work of the ministry, or for those who have completed their studies in the Halls of the old country to come over and help us in Canada. What, then, should the church do in the circumstances? How shall she procure labourers to enter upon the fields of usefulness that are already ripe to the harvest? Occupy the vacancies that exist or break up the fallow-ground which still lies uncultivated? Your Committee think that, *First*, those congregations which have been supplemented for a time should have the law strictly enforced to require their Pastors to perform missionary labour in proportion

to the aid they receive, or, if exempted, that the Presbytery give to the Synod sufficient reason. *Second*, that there should be a general and earnest appeal made to the Church to increase her missionary contributions, with a statement of the circumstances which render this absolutely necessary to enable her to fulfil the high vocation to which she is called by her Lord in this new and interesting country. *Third*, that there should be an effort made to increase the salary of ministers, so as to ensure a respectable maintenance. *Fourth*, It might be well to employ agents corresponding to City missionaries at home, or Catechists, by whom destitute localities might be explored, the principles of the church made known, and *nuclei* of congregations formed. And, *fifth*, a plain, unvarnished statement of the wants and prospects of theChurch in Canada, of the self-denial and labour necessary from one who comes out as a missionary, might be published in some of the Home Journals, so that Probationers could understand what Canada demanded.

Your Committee have made arrangements for the public missionary meeting, and caused notice to be sent so that intimation might be given from the pulpit in this place last Lord's day. Rev. Mr. James, of Galt, is to address on "The duty of every christian to cultivate and display a missionary spirit," and the Rev. Mr. Balmer, of Detroit, on "Paul as a missionary."

In name of the Committee,

ROBERT TORRANCE, *Convener.*

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(AD INTERIM)

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OCTOBER 2, 1860.

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" "		Grey	
" "		Howick	
		Brucefield	

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

(ad interim)

OF THE SYNOD

OF THE

United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

I. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Tuesday, October* 2, 1860,
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, called *ad interim*, met, and, after engaging in praise by singing the 125th Psalm, and reading the 27th chapter of the prophesy of Isaiah, was constituted by the Rev. Alexander A. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll of Synod, as hereto prefixed, was called and marked.

Members present.

SEDERUNT.—James Skinner, William Caven, William Walker, John Fotheringham, Robert Hamilton, Stephen Balmer, William Fletcher, Dr. Ferrier, John Porteous, William M. Christie, John Lees, Robert Hume, M.A., Professor Taylor, Alexander Kennedy, William Fraser, David Coutts, Peter Glassford, James Dick, John Baird, M.A., J. F. A. S. Fayette, M.A., James Pringle, Dr. William Taylor, Dr. Thornton, George Lawrence, William Aitken, John M. King, George Riddell, John Duff, William Barrie, Robert Torrance, John James, David Caw, Alexander A. Drummond, John Dunbar, William Robertson, William Peattie, Robert C. Moffatt, John Logie, Matthew Barr, John Fraser, William C. Young, Robert Hall, Ministers; and

Alexander Smith, Robert Flaws, William Edmond, William Richmond, James Young, Robert Christie, John Parker, Thomas Saunders, Robert Marshall, John Beatty, John Henry, John Hamilton, Henry Stewart, James Agnew, James Haggart, John Dick, Thomas Grey, John Lennie, James Dalgleish, John Stewart, John Sinclair, John Allison, George Thomson, John Stewart, John Robertson, John Emslie, John Calder, Elders.

Reasons for meeting.

The Moderator stated verbally the reasons for calling this meeting of Synod, and submitted the circular summoning the meeting, of the tenor following :—

BOND HEAD, August 11, 1860.

REV. SIR,—In accordance with action taken on the subjoined Resolution, I have to inform you that an interim meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in the Bay Street United Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of October next ensuing, at 7 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of considering the Report of the Synod's Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada then to be submitted, and for the transaction of any other lawful business.

You will please to give timely notice of this meeting to the Elder representing, in Synod, the congregation under your charge.

By order of the Moderator.

I have the honor to be, Rev. Sir,
Your obedient servant,
WILLIAM FRASER,
Synod Clerk.

(EXTRACT MINUTE.)

At HAMILTON, *June* 16, 1860.

Inter alia.—It was unanimously agreed that the Union Committee be re-appointed with certain additions, after stated, to meet with any Committee appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to prosecute the matter of Union, with power, if they see cause, to request the Moderator to call an interim meeting of Synod.—*Extracted from the Minutes of Synod, by* WM. FRASER, *Synod Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Dick, the conduct of the Moderator in calling this interim meeting of the Synod, was approved.

Union Com. Report.

The Rev. Dr. Thornton reported verbally the proceedings of the Committee on Union, in their conferences with the Committee on Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and submitted as the result of the deliberations of the Joint Committees, the Basis of Union as unanimously adopted by them in the following terms :—

BASIS OF UNION

Between the United Presbyterian Church of Canada, as agreed upon by Joint Commitees of both Churches, 1st August, 1860.

Basis.

WHEREAS, for the glory of God and the welfare of the Church, it is desirable that a Union should be effected between the "United Presbyterian Church" and the "Presbyterian Church of Canada," on such terms as may be agreable to the Word of God, and the standards accepted by both Churches : Whereas, also, it is expedient that a Basis of Union, in terms of the six articles which follow, be adopted, as a statement of principles in regard to which the Churches are mutually agreed : Whereas, besides, it is desirable to prevent any possible misapprehensions in reference to the fourth of said Articles, it is therefore *hereby declared*, that no inference from that Article is legitimate, which asserts that the civil magistrate has the right to prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action : And it is further declared, that, in regard to the practical applications of said fourth Article, unanimity of sentiment is not required in the united body, and that if any particular case should emerge, it may, and can only be considered and determined by the Church Courts, in accordance with the general principles and procedure of Presbyterian Churches :

Be it therefore resolved,—

I. *Of Holy Scripture.*—That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the inspired Word of God, are the supreme and infallible rule of faith and life.

II. *Of the Subordinate Standards.*—That the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are received by this Church as her Subordinate Standards.

But whereas certain sections of the said Confession, which treat of the power or duty of the civil magistrate, have been objected to, as teaching principles adverse both to the right of private judgment

in religious matters, and to the prerogatives which Christ has vested in His Church, it is to be understood—

1. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is held by this Church which would interfere with the fullest forbearance as to any differences of opinion which may prevail on the question of the endowment of the Church by the State.

2. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church which would accord to the State, any authority to violate that liberty of conscience and right of judgment which are asserted in chap. xx., sec. 2, of the Confession; and in accordance with the statements of which this Church holds that every person ought to be at full liberty to search the Scriptures for himself, and to follow out what he conscientiously believes to be the teaching of Scripture, without let or hindrance, provided that no one is to be allowed under the pretext of following the dictates of conscience, to interfere with the peace and good order of society.

3. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church which would admit of any interference on the part of the State with the Spiritual independence of the Church, as set forth in chap. xxx. of the Confession.

III. *Of the Headship of Christ over the Church.*—That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of His Church; that he has made her free from all external or secular authority in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into any such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto.

IV. *Of the Headship of Christ over the Nations, and the duty of the Civil Magistrate.*—That the Lord Jesus Christ, as Mediator, is invested with universal Sovereignty, and is therefore King of Nations, and that all men in every capacity and relation are bound to obey His will as revealed in His Word; and particularly that the Civil Magistrate, (including under that term all who are in any way concerned in the Legislative or Administrative action of the State,) is bound to regulate his official procedure, as well as his personal conduct, by the revealed will of Christ.

V. *Of Church Government.*—That the system of polity established in the Westminster Form of Presbyterian Church Government, in so far as it declares a plurality of Elders for each Congregation, the official equality of Presbyters, without any offices in the Church

superior to the said Presbyters, and the unity of the Church in a due subordination of a smaller part to a larger, and of the larger to the whole, is the government of this Church, and is, in the features of it therein set forth, believed by this Church to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God.

VI. *Of Worship.*—That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church, as they have heretofore been, by the respective bodies of which it is composed, in a general accordance with the directions contained in the Westminster Directory of Worship.

On the motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Logie, the Report of the Union Committee was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered them for the manner in which they had performed the duty intrusted to them. **Report received. Thanks to Committee.**

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the Basis of Union as submitted by the Committee.

It was moved by Professor Taylor, seconded by Mr. Caven,— **Motion by Prof. Taylor.**

That the Synod having considered the Basis of Union between the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, presented by this Synod's Committee on Union, as agreed to at a joint meeting of the Committees on Union, appointed by these Synods, this Synod resolve that, while they regret the somewhat inelegant and confused form and structure of the Basis, and especially regret that the doctrine of forbearance respecting the right and duty of the Civil Magistrate in matters of religion—a doctrine which this Synod have always held, and do now most steadfastly hold—is not more unequivocally and clearly and fully expressed; yet understanding that the substance of that doctrine is meant to be implied in the Basis, this Synod accept the same, and on that footing respectfully offer to unite with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, trusting that all constitutional liberty will be granted, on both sides, in reference to matters concerning which there is difference of opinion, and praying and hoping that under God's blessing any existing points of difference may gradually disappear.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Wm. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Coutts,— **Motion by Dr. W. Taylor.**

That this Synod adopt *simpliciter* the Preamble and Basis, as contained in the Report of the Committee on Union, as a ground of Union between the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

After reasoning for some time the hour of nine o'clock arrived, and the Moderator asked if the Synod should now adjourn. It was agreed to suspend the standing rule requiring the Synod to adjourn at the hour mentioned, and to proceed for another hour with the consideration of the question before the court.

At the hour of 10 o'clock, no decision on the foregoing motions being arrived at, the Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the Sederunt was closed with prayer by Mr. Caw, and the benediction by the Moderator.

II. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Wednesday, October* 3, 1860.
9 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called and marked. Sederunt, *ut supra.*

The Rev. George Murray being present was invited to correspond.

Read the Minutes of the first Sederunt, which were approved.

Resumed consideration of the subject interrupted by the adjournment last night.

2. Amendment. Mr. Logie.

It was moved, in amendment to the former motion and amendment, by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Skinner,—That this Synod give hearty thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the unanimity reached on the subject of Union, at the last meeting of the Joint Committees of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and this, the United Presbyterian Church; and that this Synod

agree to accept, *simpliciter,* the Basis now submitted, as a sufficient Basis on which they can cordially unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church, being satisfied that it contains the principle so long contended for by this Synod.

3. Amendment. Mr. James.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. King,—That this Synod devoutly acknowledges the goodness of God in the result to which the Joint Committees on Union has been unanimously brought, and adopts the Basis in its amended form, as a ground of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that everything is secured by the preamble of the said Basis which was contemplated by the proposed addition to the 4th Article, and unanimously agreed upon at the las meeting of Synod.

After lengthened reasoning the Synod declared themselves ready for the vote.

Part of Prof. Taylor's motion withdrawn.

Before taking the question, Professor Taylor asked and obtained leave to withdraw part of the motion submitted by him yesterday, and in the motion, as put to the vote, the words which "expressed regret at the somewhat inelegant and confused form and structure of the Basis" were withdrawn.

The Moderator read over the several motions in their order.

Votes.

A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. James and that of Mr. Logie, when 50 voted for the former and 3 for the latter, which was then dropped from the list of motions. A vote was next taken between the amendment of Mr. James and that of Dr. William Taylor, when 41 voted for the former and 25 for the latter. Dr. Taylor's amendment was dropped from the list of motions. A third vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. James and the original motion of Professor Taylor, as amended, when 50 voted for the former and 11 for the latter.

Decision.

The amendment of Mr. James was declared to be carried, and the Synod did and do decide in terms of the said amend-

ment,—That this Synod devoutly acknowledges the goodness of God in the result to which the Joint Committee on Union has been unanimously brought, and adopts the Basis in its amended form, as a ground of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that everything is secured by the preamble of said Basis which was contemplated by the proposed addition to the 4th Article, and unanimously agreed upon at the last meeting of Synod.

Dr. Ferrier's Paper.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier here laid on the table a paper containing a statement of his own position in relation to the decision now arrived at, and requested that said paper be entered on the Minutes of Synod. The paper was read.

Deputation Pbyn. Ch. of Can.

A deputation from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Starke, Topp, Kemp, Gregg, and Inglis, was now introduced by Dr. W. Taylor, and was welcomed by the Moderator.

Extract Minutes Synod Presbyterian Ch.

The deputation handed in an extract from the Minutes of the Presbyterian Synod, bearing that the action of their Committee on Union had been approved, and the Basis of Union, as presented, adopted, by a majority of sixty-two to seven; and that they had appointed a deputation to convey this action, with their salutations, to this Synod, and to request a conference for the purpose of arranging the phraseology of the preamble to the Basis in such a way as may be mutually agreeable.

The several members of the deputation then addressed the Synod.

Moderator responds.

The Moderator, on behalf of the Synod, warmly reciprocated the kindly Christian sentiments expressed by the deputation, and informed them that the Synod would be prepared early this afternoon to convey to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, either by deputation, or otherwise, the decision at which this Synod had arrived on the Basis of Union.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Starke led in prayer, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at two o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

III. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Wednesday, October* 3, 1860.
2 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The roll was called. *Sederunt.*—As in the morning, with the addition of Mr. Agnew, Elder, from the congregation of Whitby, and Mr. Riddell from the congregation of Vaughan.

Read the Minutes of the last Sederunt, which, with certain corrections, were sustained.

Dr. Tweedie being present was, on motion of Prof. Taylor, requested to correspond.

Deputation to Pbyn. Synod.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Dr. W. Taylor, it was resolved,—That a committee be appointed to convey to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada the finding of this Synod on the Preamble and Articles of the Basis of Union. The Committee was appointed, consisting of the following persons, namely, the Rev. Dr. Thornton, Rev. Messrs. James, King, and Aitken, with Mr. John Agnew, Elder.

Conference accepted.

The Synod also cordially agreed to the request of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to meet them in conference, at any hour this afternoon that may best suit their convenience, and that the above named Committee intimate the same to that Synod, and make all necessary arrangements for the conference.

The Committee had leave to retire.

Report of Committee.

After some time, Mr. Aitken having returned, reported that the Committee appointed to convey the finding of this Synod on the Basis of Union to the Presbyterian Synod, and to signify the acceptance of the invitation to a conference, had performed the duties intrusted to them; that they had been very graciously received, and that the Presbyterian Synod were waiting for the presence of the members of this Synod to enter on the matters to engage the attention of the conference.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at seven o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

IV. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Wednesday, October* 3, 1860.
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The calling of the Roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Report of 1st Conference.

The Clerk of Synod submitted the Report of the conference held this afternoon with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, setting forth substantially that the conference had proceeded to the consideration of the matter specially designed by the meeting, namely, to arrange the phraseology of the preamble to the Basis of Union in such a way as might be mutually satisfactory, and had adopted the said preamble, as amended, in terms following, that is to say:—

Preamble amended.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that it would be for the glory of God, and for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the land, that they should be united and form one Church, do hereby agree to unite on the following Basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective Synods, in their name and behalf; declaring at the same time, that no inference from the fourth article of said Basis is held to be legitimate which asserts that the Civil Magistrate has the right to prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action; further, that unanimity of sentiment is not required in regard to the practical application of the principle embodied in said fourth article, and that whatever differences of sentiment may arise on these subjects, all action in reference thereto shall be regulated by, and be subject to, the recognized principles of Presbyterian Church Order.

Adopted.

On motion made and seconded it was agreed,—That so much of the resolution of a former sederunt, as adopted the Preamble of the Basis of Union agreed upon by the joint Committees of the two Synods be rescinded, and that the Preamble now presented in the report of the Conference be approved and adopted, in terms of the said resolution.

Thanksgiving day recommended.

On motion made and seconded it was resolved,—That this Synod unanimously agree to recommend to the congregations under their inspection, that a day of Thanksgiving be observed by them, for the late abundant harvest, and that the Moderator be instructed to correspond with the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and, in concert with him, to appoint the day.

Half an hour after eight o'clock, having arrived, at which time it had been agreed to meet again in conference with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

V. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Thursday, October* 4, 1860.
9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Action on Preamble transmitted.

Ordered,—That an extract of the Minutes in relation to the adoption of the amended preamble to the Basis, by the Synod last night, be transmitted forthwith, to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Extract minute Pbyn. Synod.

The Clerk read extract Minute of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, transmitted by their Clerk, embodying the Preamble to the Basis of Union, as amended in conference yesterday, and the action taken by the Synod adopting the said Preamble, and the Basis as a whole with the Preamble prefixed.

Dr. Ferrier's Paper.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier inquired whether or not the Synod would receive the paper which he had laid on the table yesterday, and enter the same on their Minutes.

Motion on.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Henderson, Elder,—That the paper presented by Dr. Ferrier be received and entered on the Minutes.

Negatived.

The Yeas and Nays being taken on the motion, 3 voted yea, and 33 nay. The motion was therefore lost.

Dr. Ferrier dissents.

The Rev. Dr. Ferrier, on the refusal of the Synod to receive and enter on their Minutes, the paper which he had offered, craved leave to have his dissent from the Basis of Union, as finally adopted by the Synod, with reasons, entered on the Minutes. Leave was granted. Dr. Ferrier's dissent and reasons were in terms following :

DISSENT.

I, Andrew Ferrier, minister of the United Presbyterian congregations of Caledonia, Indiana, and Oneida, Dissent from the fourth Article of the Basis agreed to by this Synod, for the reasons following :—

1. Because,—In the sense in which it is generally understood by the Presbyterian Church of Canada, it involves the principle of a Civil Establishment of Religion ; and unless this Church understand it otherwise, they sacrifice principles for which many of their fathers and brethren in Scotland have been contending for many years.

2. Because,—It seems to raise what is called Christ's Headship over the nations to an equality with His Headship over the Church, and to imply that Christ, as Mediator, has two different Kingdoms, whereas Christ has but one kingdom, and that properly is his Church, although, for wise and holy reasons, His sceptre extends over the world, nay, "over all things to the Church." But this not as requiring obedience, but as exercising control : and the duties of both magistrates and subjects have no connection with this extended power of Christ, as the article seems to represent, but arise from the universal authority of the Divine law.

3. Because,—I am not allowed by this Synod to have inserted in their Records, a Declaration, by which I could sustain the article without entering a Dissent, which, with this permission I was prepared to do.

4. Because,—The ambiguous and obscure language of this article which leaves every one to interpret it for himself, is a sufficient reason for rejecting it altogether, which I would be very unwilling to do, as that might disturb the harmony of our deliverance on the Basis.

5. Because,—Seeing the Presbyterian Church of Canada, have, honourably to themselves, come so far to meet us, I was unwilling to dissent from any interpretation of this article, however different from ours, at least from mine, and intended silently to hold my own views, which I consider not only Scriptural, but in strict accordance with the Westminster Standards.

And 6. Because,—On uniting with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, without having my Declaration inserted in the Minutes of this Church, I must be understood, as declared in the Basis, to have full liberty to maintain all the principles I have hitherto advocated, —which principles I have always understood to be substantially those of this Church, and for maintaining which the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at a recent period, subjected me to grievous misrepresentations, and severe discipline, probably still approved of by many of them ; and, at all events, for preventing the recurrence of which, although this is not apprehended, the great principle of forbearance is not, in my estimation, sufficiently expressed.

For these reasons, and others which might be mentioned, although I receive the Article, according to my own construction of it, I Dissent from it in the view in which it is understood by many, yet I cordially go forward with my brethren to the Union contemplated.

ANDREW FERRIER, D.D.

Toronto, 4th October, 1860.

No answer to dissent.

The Synod did not appoint any Committee to answer Dr. Ferrier's reasons of Dissent.

Prof. Taylor's Resignation.

The Rev. Professor Taylor tendered his resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity in the following terms :—

TORONTO, 3*rd October*, 1860.—The subscriber begs respectfully to tender his resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada ; and

takes the liberty of soliciting that said resignation be accepted, as to take effect either immediately or at the close of next Session of the Divinity Hall, as the Synod may prefer.

JOHN TAYLOR.

Com. to confer with Prof. Taylor.

The Synod agreed that a committee be appointed to confer with Professor Taylor, to endeavour to induce him to withdraw his resignation, and that said Committee consist of the Rev. Messrs. Skinner, Dick, Barrie, Kennedy, and Drs. Ferrier and Thornton. The Committee to report at the next Sederunt. Dr. Thornton, Convener.

Report of Conference.

The Clerk submitted the Report of the conference held last night with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, recommending: First, that the *Name* to be assumed by the United Church, composed of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada be *The Canada Presbyterian Church*, and, Secondly, that the Union be consummated at a meeting to be held in Toronto on the 20th of December next.

Name of United Church.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the first recommendation in the report of conference, that the *Name* of the United body shall be *The Canada Presbyterian Church*.

Widows' Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Thornton here read a paper, containing regulations respecting a Widows' Fund, in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and inquired what action, if any, in relation to this matter, in view of the contemplated Union, it would be expedient for the Synod to take.

At ten minutes to twelve o'clock the Synod adjorned, to meet again at this place an hour after the adjournment of the Conference about to be held.

Closed with the benediction.

VI. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, *Thursday, October* 4, 1860.
3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Extract Minutes Pbyn. Synod.

Read extract minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, bearing, in reference to the *Name* to be taken by the United Church, that the Synod had a very decided preference for the name of "*The Preshyterian Church in Canada*," but in the event of the Sister Synod deciding to abide by the name adopted at the conference last night, the Synod resolve to concur with them in that decision.

Name Can. Pbyn. Ch. retained.

On motion made and seconded it was agreed to abide by the *name* recommended by the Conference, and adopted by this Synod in the morning, that is, "The Canada Presbyterian Church."

Union to be at Montreal.

The above mentioned extract minutes also bore, that the Presbyterian Synod had resolved that the Union shall be consummated at the ordinary meeting of Synod to be held in the City of Montreal in June next.

It was, on motion, agreed to concur in the resolution of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in regard to the time and place for the consummation of the Union.

Funds for attending Synod recommended.

On motion, the Synod agreed to recommend to all the congregations under their inspection to see to it, that the ministers and elders are supplied with the means of defraying their travelling expenses to enable them to attend the next meeting of Synod.

Report of Com. to

The Committee appointed to confer with Professor Taylor in regard to his tender of resignation, gave in their report in

confer with Prof. Taylor.

terms following:—Your Committee met with the Professor in discharge of the duty assigned them by the Synod, and have to express their deep regret that they have been unable to induce him to withdraw his resignation; they have only induced him to say that he will reconsider it, but with the express caution that such a statement is not to be understood as holding out the hope that he will ultimately see it his duty to withdraw the resignation.

Report received.

The Report was received, and the thanks of Synod were given to the Committee for their diligence.

Resolution on.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to,—That should Professor Taylor not withdraw his resignation of office, as Professor of Divinity, before the close of the next Session of the Theological Hall, he shall then intimate the same to the Moderator, who shall be empowered to call a *pro re rata* meeting of Synod to consider the emergency.

Address to Prof. Taylor.

It was here stated that an Address from Ministers and Students who had prosecuted their Theological Studies under Professor Taylor, had been presented to him. The Synod requested that the Address be published in the Magazine.

Report of 3rd Conference.

The Report of the Conference between the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, held here in the morning, was presented by the Clerk, and was held as read. The Report embodied recommendations for the appointment of certain Committees, with a view to make all requisite arrangements for the due completion of the union between the two Churches.

Committees appointed.

The Synod proceeded to take action on these recommendations, and in accordance therewith appointed the following Committees, to act jointly with corresponding Committee of the other Synod, and for the purposes specified.

On arrangement of Pbys.

1. A Committee, consisting of nine members, to act conjointly with a Committee of the same number of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, for the arrangement of

Distribution of Preachers.

Home Missions.

Presbyteries, the distribution of Preachers, and on the subject of Home Missions. The Committee to be composed of the Clerks of the several Presbyteries, namely,—The Rev. Dr. W. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Thornton, the Rev. Messrs. Proudfoot, Porteous, Dick, Logie, Torrance, Dunbar and Dewar. Mr. Dict, Convener

On Theo. Education.

2. A Committee, containing five members, to act jointly with a similar committee of the other Synod, to consider and report on Theological Education. Committee,—The Rev. Professor Taylor, the Rev. Drs. Thornton and Ormiston, the Rev. Messrs. King and Kennedy. Dr. Ormiston, Convener.

For obtaining Act of Parliament.

3. A Committee, of five members, to act conjointly in obtaining an Act of Parliament, by which the property belonging to congregations may be secured in their possession after the Union, in the same manner as it is now held in connection with the Separate Bodies, Committee,—Dr. William Taylor, Rev. Messrs. Aitken and Lawrence, John C. Becket, Esq., Montreal, and William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton. Dr. Taylor, Convener.

On forms of process.

4. A Committee, of three members, to act conjointly, to examine into, and compare the Forms of Process in the respective Bodies, and to suggest a uniform mode of Process. Committee,—Dr. Thornton, Rev. Messrs. Dick and W. Fraser. Dr. Thornton, Convener.

On arrangements at consummation of Union.

5. A Committee, to act jointly with a similar Committee of the other Church, consisting of the Presbytery of Canada East, with the resident elders of the congregation of Montreal, together with a corresponding member from each of the Presbyteries, to make arrangements for the Services at the Consummation of the Union; the Moderator and Clerk of Synod to be *ex officio* members. Corresponding members,—The Rev. Drs. W. Taylor, Jennings, Ormiston, Rev. Messrs. Logie, Inglis, Stevenson, Dunbar, J. R. Scott, and Duff. Dr. W. Taylor, Convener.

On Widow's Fund.

6. A Committee of seven members to act conjointly with a similar Committee of the Presbyterian Synod, to consider and report as to the Widows' Fund. Committee,—Dr. Thornton, Dr. Jennings, Rev. Mr. Pringle, Calvin McQuesten, Esq., M.D., Hamilton, William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton, Walter Chisholm, Esq., Dundas, and John Agnew, Esq., Whitby. Dr. Thornton, Convener.

Thanks to Prof. Taylor, and Congregation.

On motion of the Rev. W. Fraser, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Rev Professor Taylor, and to the office bearers and congregation of Gould Street Church, for the accomodation furnished to this meeting of Synod.

Condolence with Dr. Jennings, and Congregation.

It was also agreed to record the regret of the Synod for the cause which has rendered it necessary for them to change their place of meeting from that first appointed, and to express their sympathy with the Rev. Dr. Jennings, and the first United Presbyterian Congregation of this City, for the serious injury done their House of Worship by fire.

Instructed the Clerk to communicate this resolution to the proper parties.

Ordered,—That 600 copies of the minutes of this Session of Synod, be printed and distributed as soon as practicable.

Ordered.—That the sum of $10 be paid to the Church officer, for his attendance and services at this meeting of Synod.

The business being finished, the Moderator having announced that the next ordinary meeting of Synod would be held in the City of Montreal, on the first Tuesday of June, closed the Session with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

A. A. DRUMMOND, *Moderator.*
WM. FRASER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Committees appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to act conjointly with corresponding Committees appointed by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, with a view to make all requisite arrangements for the consummation of Union between the two churches. Toronto, October 4, 1860.

1. For arranging Presbyteries, &c.—Messrs. Laing, Wilson, J. K. Smith, T. Wardrope, McKuar, Scott, Ross, W. B. Clark, Nesbit. Mr. Nesbit, Convener.

2. On Theological Education.—Messrs. Topp, Kemp, Laing, Ross, McMurrich. Mr. Topp, Convener.

3. On Act securing congregations in possession of their property.—Messrs. Kemp, Gregg, Reid, McMurrich, and F. Torrance. Mr. Kemp, Convener.

4. On Forms of Ecclesiastical Processes.—Messrs. Gillespie, Kemp, and Gregg. Mr. Gillespie, Convener (Princeton P. O.)

5. On Widows' Fund.—The existing Committee on Widows' Fund is appointed to confer with Committee of United Presbyterian Church. James Osborne, Esq., Hamilton, Convener. Rev. W. Reid, Toronto, Secretary.

6. Committee on arrangements for consummation of Union.—Presbytery of Montreal, with elders resident in the city, together with Moderator and Clerk of Synod, and Messrs. Ure, Scott, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. Laing, McLaren, J. K. Smith, and Duncan. Mr. Kemp, as Clerk of Presbytery of Montreal, will act as Convener.